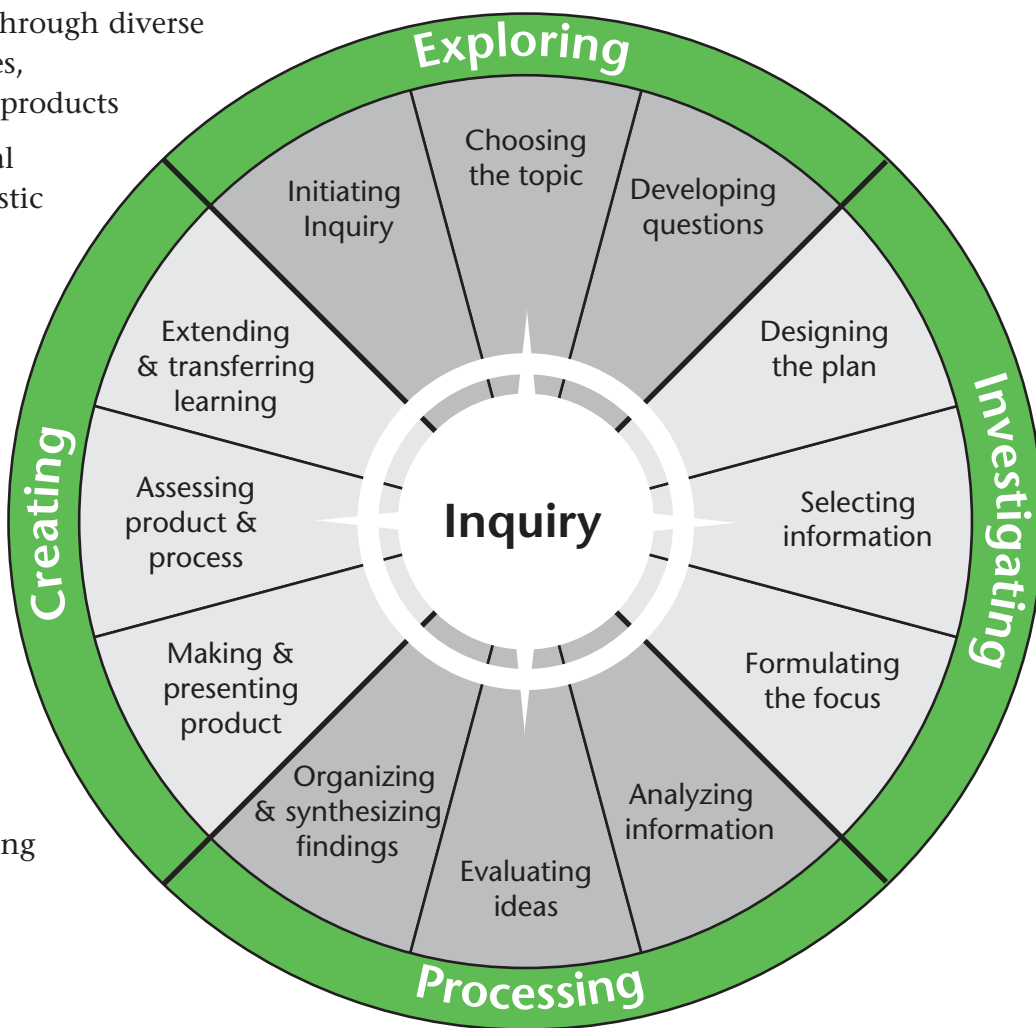


## Discovery and Guided Inquiry

To create a school-wide focus on the inquiry process, participants in the Learning Commons collaborate to promote the use of an inquiry model which:

- Expands personal horizons and knowledge base
- Encourages the collision of ideas
- Engages the learner in rich, real-world tasks that interest and motivate
- Embeds essential and recurring skills and knowledge
- Provides a strategy for processing information
- Benefits from intentional, guided intervention
- Scaffolds learning for success
- Promotes open-ended thinking in all phases of the process
- Extends learning through diverse strategies, resources, technologies, and products
- Balances sequential learning with holistic learning and differentiated instruction
- Develops multiple literacies
- Fosters metacognition, i.e., learning how to learn in both familiar and new contexts
- Encourages a collaborative approach to learning



A Model for Inquiry